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| International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237 | | | |
| Applicant ZIP PACK IP AG | | | |

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:
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 - Box No. II Priority
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 - Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
 - Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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| Box No. I | Basis of this opinion |
| <p>1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).</p> <p>2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p>a. type of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p> <p>b. format of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in written format</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form</p> <p>c. time of filing/furnishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.</p> <p>4. Additional comments:</p> | |

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| Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(l) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement | |
| 1. Statement | | |
| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>5</u> YES <u>1-4, 6, 7</u> NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | YES NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-7</u> YES NO |
| 2. Citations and explanations: | | |
| 1 Reference is made to the following document: | | |
| D1: WO 97/06062 A (YEAGER, JAMES, WORTH) 20 February 1997 (1997-02-20) | | |
| 2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1 | | |
| 2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2). Document D1 (figures 6A, 6B) discloses: | | |
| <p>resealable bag (110) with a closure (126) fastened to the front wall (116) in the interior with two closure parts (142, 139) which project from the connection region (132, 134) of the closure and serve for connection to the wall and the free edges of which are connected to the wall, and with a safety strip (150) over an opening (153a) above the catching region of the closure, the safety strip being designed to be separable from the wall before the initial opening for exposing the opening, the two closure parts of the closure</p> | | |

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| | <p>being connected to the wall below the opening and a cover sheet (138) being connected to the internal closure part and also above and at the side of the opening.</p> <p>It emerges from the description on page 6, lines 16-24, and dependent claim 7 that the expression "captively connected" can be interpreted as "connected".</p> <p>3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-7</p> <p>Claims 2-7 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.</p> |